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# SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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The Terrace  
Wellington 6143

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OR  
Email: turiteacallin@mfe.govt.nz  
Fax: 04 439 7705  
[Note: If you are emailing or faxing your submission, please mark in the subject line: 'Turitea Call In']

This submission relates to the applications for resource consent lodged by Mighty River Power Ltd for the Turitea Wind Farm proposal as identified on the next page.

## CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5.00 PM MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2009

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms (Please circle the appropriate title(s) or print clearly below)

My/Our Full Name(s): G Wayne Scott.

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Please tick the relevant boxes on the next page to identify whether you are making a submission on all applications for resource consent or just some of them (please identify).  
Please also indicate on the back of this form (✓) whether you support, oppose, or are neutral in relation to the applications. If you are making a submission only on parts of an application for resource consent, please note this when specifying the reasons for your submission.

The reasons for my/our submission are: If you are attaching further information tick for yes   
1. Oppose installation of industrial size windmills and associated road/earthworks in the Turitea Reserve.  
2. Protection of the natural skyline for future generations of the northern Taranaki Ranges. Please use more pages if you need to.

I/we seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry (provide precise details including the nature of any conditions sought):  
The absolute protection of the Turitea Reserve as a natural habitat of flora + fauna and as a clean water resource for Palmerston North. Please use more pages if you need to.

Use a clear tick in the appropriate box below (✓)

I/we wish to be heard in respect of my/our submission (to speak at the public hearing).

I/we DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.

Signature(s): G W Scott Date: 21-02-09.

(Signature of submitter, or person authorised to sign on their behalf is required. Note signature is not required for electronic (email) submissions. If this is a joint submission by two or more individuals, each individual's signature is required.)



Use the tick boxes below to indicate the called-in applications for resource consent that your submission concerns.  
Use a clear tick in the appropriate box or boxes (✓).

I/~~we~~ make my/our submission concerning all applications for resource consent below

OR

My/our submission only concerns the applications for resource consent that I/we have ticked below:

Support Oppose Neutral

	Support	Oppose	Neutral
<b>Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council – Land-use Consents</b>			
104553: for vegetation clearance and land disturbance in rare or threatened habitats, near streams and on highly erodible land throughout the general wind farm site.		✓	
104554: for the construction of a double culvert in an un-named tributary of the Kahuterawa Stream as shown on the included map.		✓	
<b>Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council – Discharge Permits</b>			
104555: for the discharge of dust to air from the concrete batching plants to be located as generally shown on the included map.		✓	
104556: for the discharge of dust to air from the mobile crushing plant throughout the general wind farm site.		✓	
104557: for the discharge of wastewater from two operations and maintenance facilities to land to be located as generally shown on the included map.		✓	
104558: for the discharge of stormwater from substations to land to be located as generally shown on the included map.		✓	
104559: for the discharge of cleanfill to land in the form of spoil disposal sites throughout the general wind farm site.		✓	
104560: for the discharge of stormwater from roads, turbine platforms and other areas to land.		✓	
<b>Palmerston North City Council – Land-use Consents</b>			
RC0068: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to establish and operate a wind farm in the areas within the Palmerston North city jurisdiction as generally shown on the included map</li> <li>to undertake earthworks associated with tracking and roading, turbine construction and associated buildings in the areas within the Palmerston North city jurisdiction as generally shown on the included map</li> <li>for the western side of Pahiatua Aokautere Road not meeting access requirements at the location shown on the included map</li> <li>for the storage of diesel (10,000 L) in bunded areas outside the Turitea water supply catchment, generally located at the two substation laydown areas shown on the included map, that exceeds the 0.2 effects ratio maximum in the rural zone</li> <li>for the construction of a 220 kV electricity transmission line and substations as shown on the included map.</li> </ul>		✓	
<b>Tararua District Council – Land-use Consents</b>			
1448: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for a wind farm (which is not listed as a permitted or controlled activity) in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the included map</li> <li>for land disturbance of more than 200 m<sup>3</sup> of soil and cleanfill material associated with tracking and roading, turbine construction, spoil disposal and other associated works in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the included map</li> <li>for upgrades to South Range Road and the construction of new site access at the location shown on the included map</li> <li>for turbine and wind monitoring mast structures not meeting height requirements within the Tararua District</li> <li>for the modification of a Significant Natural Feature in Schedule 3.3 (ie, Tararua Ranges Ridgeline)</li> <li>for not meeting noise requirements</li> <li>for clearance of indigenous vegetation in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the included map.</li> </ul>		✓	

NOTE: A copy of this submission form MUST also be sent to Mighty River Power Ltd at:

Freepost – MRP  
Mighty River Power Ltd  
PO Box 445  
Hamilton 3240  
Attention: Stephanie Froggatt

Or email [turitea@mightyriver.co.nz](mailto:turitea@mightyriver.co.nz) or fax (07) 857 0192

I/we have sent a copy of my/our submission to Mighty River Power Ltd as per Section 96(4) of the RMA.



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- **Iconic sky line:** One of Palmerston North's /Manawatus natural boundaries being the Ruahines/Tararua Ranges has seen over recent years, a creeping expansion of windmills. When the very first wind mills in the region were first proposed the developers went to great lengths to show how little the visual impact would be and indeed due to their small size, placement and number this largely turned out to be true. Little did anyone realize that this was the thin edge of the wedge. They have now grown in numbers, size and visibility so they now blot out the very landscape that once was rolling farmland. Not only that, substantial service roads have been bulldozed into the land scape that will remain for decades. If this sort of undirected development is allowed south of the Paihiatua track, an iconic skyline will be lost forever. Everyone in the area from Mt Stewart and beyond will be greeted to the region with a mish mash of windmills of ...size, shape, number and a lattice of service roads scarring the existing land scape.
- **Reserve:** The Turitea reserve has long been a very restricted access area of natural bush and habitat for flora and fauna. The catchment has long been the major source of fresh water for Palmerston North and as such needs to be protected. Having industrial size wind mills in the reserve puts that water source at risk. We are living with an increseing level of weather extremes. The level of roading needed there is going to be a requirement to control large volumes of runoff water. Contol is going to be a fiction, a dream. Any destruction of the natural environment is going to degrade nature's ability to absorb heavy rain and with the pickup of silt and debri it could lead to unstopppable distruction of the resevoir. Also any roading will impeded any natural movement of the many creatures that have unrestricted movement about the entire reserve area. Industrial/comercial use of this reserve area is unaccepible.
- **Next generation:** As this generation's decision makers, it is our responsibility to have regard for our future generations. The protection of our natural enviroment should be of increasing importance. As the natural enviroment is eroded away to commercial interest and short sighted uncaring human activity, we must take every opportunity to preseve it. We have the power to alter the envronment to whatever we like but should we? Resources such as this and our ability to live in harmony with our natural landscape and creatures, is something we must be duty bound to pass to our future generations. Industrial size wind mills, earthmoving machinery and wide bulldozed tracks in a reserve area is just not responsible.

*JWS*